

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for providing an electronic file wrapper information for intellectual property applications, comprising:

executing a program on a local computer for authenticating a user with a patent office computer;

for each file, the program ~~under programmatic control:~~

determining an application identifier for the file;

searching the patent office computer and determining new docket item(s) not present in a local database on the local computer;

downloading one or more file wrapper documents associated with the new docket item(s) from the patent office computer to the local database; and

automatically adding a docket entry with a deadline for each new docket item.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said document is a portable document format (PDF) document.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising generating a text-searchable PDF document containing all images for the entry.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file wrapper information includes a plurality of entries each having a mail-room date and a document description, comprising generating a single electronic document for each entry in the electronic file wrapper information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising automatically determining a deadline from a mail-room date in the electronic file wrapper information.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising automatically docketing a deadline from a mail-room date in the electronic file wrapper information.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file includes a folder containing at least one file for each entry, comprising periodically updating folder content with one or more new entries from the patent office electronic file wrapper information.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising generating a single electronic document for each new entry in the electronic file wrapper information, the document having all images for the entry consolidated therein.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file wrapper information includes a plurality of entries each having a mail-room date and a document description, comprising providing docketing information based on the mail-room date.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, comprising generating a docket entry for one or more of the following: Information Disclosure Statement filing, foreign filing, Office Action response, response to missing part, notice of appeal, appeal brief, reply to response to appeal brief, notice of allowance, and annuity payment.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, comprising generating an email reminder for the docket entry.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9, comprising generating a docketing message to a recipient.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, comprising coding the docketing message to indicate the degree of urgency of the docketing message.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising filing one or more electronic documents with the patent office computer and automatically adding corresponding docket entries for the one or more electronic documents.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the electronic documents include one or more of the following: utility patent applications, Provisional applications, Biosequence listings, Pre-grant publication resubmissions, bio-sequence submissions, assignments, Electronic Information Disclosure Statements (eIDS), Design applications, New plant applications, Corrected or revised patent application republications, Reissue applications, International Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications, and Reexamination requests.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising displaying the electronic document in a tri-fold format.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising saving user annotation in the document.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising  
searching one or more remote databases for one or more relevant intellectual properties (IPs); and  
performing a network analysis on the relevant IPs.

19. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for providing an electronic file~~ for intellectual property (IP) ~~applications~~ management, comprising:  
executing a program on a local computer for:  
searching one or more databases on a computer for one or more relevant IPs to an owner of a predetermined IP;  
performing a network analysis on the relevant IPs; and  
determining IPs infringed by the owner of the predetermined IP ~~required to provide freedom to operate~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, comprising acquiring the least number of IPs infringed by the owner of the predetermined IP as a defense to provide freedom to operate.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, comprising:

receiving electronic file wrapper information from a patent office computer; and  
generating a single electronic document for an entry in the electronic file wrapper information, the document having all images for the entry consolidated therein.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method to retrieve intellectual property documents, comprising:

executing a program on a local computer for:

receiving an assignee name in lieu of a patent number, published application number or application serial number; and

for each file belonging to the assignee name, ~~automatically retrieving~~ downloading PDF copies of all patents and patent applications matching the assignee name to a computer.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method to retrieve intellectual property documents for a plurality of ~~files~~ cases, comprising:

for each ~~files~~ case recited in a computer readable list, executing a program on a local computer for:

receiving an application serial number conforming to a format aa/bbbbbbb;

determining a published patent application matching the bbbbbbb;  
and

~~automatically downloading the file wrapper history information~~ for each file in the list as one or more PDF documents to a computer.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the retrieving locates a plurality of matching patent applications, further comprising selecting the patent application whose Series Code matches aa.